

**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF  
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)**

Docket No.  
**19460**

In Re Application Of: **Christopher Milton Mathew Franco, et al.**

Application No.	Filing Date	Examiner	Customer No.	Group Art Unit	Confirmation No.
10/563,637	June 12, 2006	Anish Gupta	23389	1654	4137

Invention: **A METHOD AND AGENTS FOR IMPROVING PLANT PRODUCTIVITY INVOLVING ENDOPHYTIC ACTINOMYCETES AND METABOLITES THEREOF**

**COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of March 19, 2009 in the above-identified application.

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

<input type="checkbox"/> One month	<input type="checkbox"/> Two months	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three months	<input type="checkbox"/> Four months	<input type="checkbox"/> Five months
from: _____	<b>June 19, 2009</b>	until: _____	<b>September 19, 2009 (Saturday)</b>	
	<i>Date</i>		<i>Date</i>	

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:

**CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	58 -	57 =	1	x \$26.00	\$26.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	8 -	7 =	1	x \$110.00	\$110.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$136.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$555.00
<b>TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME</b>					<b>\$691.00</b>

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The fee for the amendment and extension of time is to be paid as follows:

- A check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ for the amendment and extension of time is enclosed.
- Please charge Deposit Account No. **19-1013/SSMP** in the amount of **\$691.00**
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **19-1013/SSMP**
- Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
- Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. **19-1013/SSMP**
- Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

**WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.**

/Frank S. DiGilio/

*Signature*

Dated: **September 21, 2009**

**Frank S. DiGilio**  
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